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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SonSeng Yeow and ChinLin Tan

Assignee: SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY LLC

Application No.: 10/692,516

Group Art: 3687

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Examiner: Vanel Frenel

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INVENTORY REPLENISHMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.312

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 1.

Amendments to the Specification

Replace the Abstract with the following:

A system and method for material handling and routing materials is disclosed. The method for replenishing low inventory begins by first collecting inventory data that represents the supply level or quantity of a part. Next, the inventory data, including the supply level, is uploaded to a database where the inventory data is compared to a trigger so that a decision can be made as to whether the supply is too low and requires replenishment. If the supply is low and needs to be replenished then a first person is alerted that the supply of the part is low and needs to be replenished. The first person continues to be alerted until the low supply part is sent and the sender has verified that the part has been sent. This alert can take the form of a RED color showing up on a computer terminal that remains RED until the sender verifies that the part has been sent. Once it is acknowledged that the part has been sent then the database is updated with this information and the alert of low inventory is changed to a second alert signifying that the part is in transit. This second alert can take the form of a YELLOW color showing up on a computer screen. This second YELLOW alert, alerts the receiver as well as others that the parts are in transit. Once the part arrives and an acknowledgement is made indicating that the part has arrived, an acknowledgement signal is sent. The acknowledgement can be a GREEN color showing up on the computer screen replenishing low inventory. A first terminal is associated with a user's site for entering and displaying information. A second terminal associated with a supplier's site for entering and displaying information. A network is connected to said first terminal and said second terminal for exchanging information between said first terminal and said second terminal. A replenishment module executing computer readable instructions stored in memory continuously displays a signal having a first visual characteristic simultaneously to both terminals in response to the user requesting a replenishment of inventory, and subsequently modifies the signal simultaneously to both terminals to continuously display a second visual characteristic different than the first visual characteristic responsive to the supplier sending the requested replenishment of inventory and during the time that the requested replenishment of inventory is in transit to the user.

Remarks

The amendment herein is proper and does not add new matter. The amendment obviates the Office's objection to the Abstract for being more than 150 words long.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the standing objection in view of this amendment. The Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned in regard to anything having to do with this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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